GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:554
ANSWERED ON:23.05.2006
TRADE WITH IRELAND
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of trade between India and Ireland during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether a delegation from Northern Ireland recently visited India;

(c) if so, the details of discussions held and agreement signed between both the countries;

(d) the extent to which trade between the two countries is likely to be boosted as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 554 FOR ANSWER ON 23.05.2006 REGARDING `TRADE WITH IRELAND`.

(a) According to the information available, bilateral trade between India and Ireland during the last three years is as under:-

(in US $ million)

Year	Bilateral trade
2003-04	282.06
2004-05	383.87
2005-06(April-Dec., 2005)	276.81

The figures for the current year are not available.

(b) to (d) Northern Ireland is a part of the United Kingdom (U.K.). Mr. Peter Hain MP, Secretary of State, Northern Ireland came to India on a business mission during 9-11, April, 2006 to help attract investment and tourism into Northern Ireland, and to increase trade and academic linkages with India. No agreement was signed between India and U.K. during the course of the visit. The existing India-U.K. bilateral trade is as under :-

(in US $ million)

Year	Bilateral trade
2003-04	6257.62
2004-05	6976.04
2005-06(April-Dec., 2005)	6746.55